

## § 157.207

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Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures” which are available on the Commission Internet home page or from the Commission staff, or gets written approval from the staff or the appropriate Federal or state agency for the use of project-specific alternatives to clearly identified portions of those documents.

(4) Any transaction authorized under a blanket certificate shall not have a significant adverse impact on a sensitive environmental area.

(5) The noise attributable to any new compressor station, compression added to an existing station, or any modification, upgrade or update of an existing station, must not exceed a day-night level ( $L_{dn}$ ) of 55 dBA at any pre-existing noise-sensitive area (such as schools, hospitals, or residences).

(6)(i) Any activity otherwise subject to authorization under § 157.208 shall not be authorized if the activity is located within 0.5 mile of a nuclear power plant which is either operating or under construction, or for which a construction permit has been filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(ii) Any activity otherwise subject to authorization under § 157.215 shall not be authorized if the activity is located within 2.0 miles of a nuclear power plant which is either operating or under construction, or for which a construction permit has been filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(7) The certificate holder shall act as the Commission’s non-Federal representative upon acceptance of the blanket certificate for purposes of complying with the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

(c) *Commencement.* Any authorized construction, extension, or acquisition shall be completed and made available for service by the certificate holder and any authorized operation, or service, shall be available within one year of the date the activity is authorized pursuant to § 157.205(h). The certificate holder may apply to the Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation for an extension of this deadline. However, if the request for extension is due to the end-user/shipper not being ready to accept service, the certificate holder must so notify the Commission in writ-

ing no later than 10 days after expiration of the one-year period.

(d) *Reports.* The certificate holder shall file reports as required by this subpart.

[Order 234, 47 FR 24266, June 4, 1982, as amended by Order 234-A, 47 FR 38877, Sept. 3, 1982; Order 436, 50 FR 42490, Oct. 18, 1985; Order 603, 64 FR 26607, May 14, 1999; Order 603-A, 64 FR 54536, Oct. 7, 1999; Order 609, 64 FR 57392, Oct. 25, 1999]

### § 157.207 General reporting requirements.

On or before May 1, of each year, the certificate holder must file, in the manner prescribed in §§ 157.6(a) and 385.2011 of this chapter, an annual report signed under oath by a senior official of the company, that lists for the previous calendar year:

(a) For each new facility authorized as by § 157.208, the information specified in § 157.208(e);

(b) For each delivery point authorized under § 157.211(a)(1), the information required by § 157.211(c);

(c) for each temporary compressor facility under § 157.209, the information required by § 157.209(b);

(d) For each storage project tested or developed under § 157.215, the information specified in § 157.215(b)(1);

(e) For each abandonment authorized under § 157.216(a), the information specified in § 157.216(d);

(f) For each change in customer name authorized under § 157.218, the information specified in § 157.218(b); and

(g) If any activity required to be reported under this section was not undertaken, a statement to that effect.

[Order 436, 50 FR 42490, Oct. 18, 1985, as amended by Order 493, 53 FR 15030, Apr. 27, 1988; Order 603, 64 FR 26607, May 14, 1999]

### § 157.208 Construction, acquisition, operation, replacement, and miscellaneous rearrangement of facilities.

(a) *Automatic authorization.* If the project cost does not exceed the cost limitations set forth in column 1 of Table I, under paragraph (d) of this section, the certificate holder is authorized to make miscellaneous rearrangements of any facility, or acquire, construct, replace, or operate any eligible facility. The certificate holder shall not segment projects in order to meet

the cost limitations set forth in column 1 of Table I.

(b) *Prior notice.* If the project cost is greater than the amount specified in column 1 of Table I, but less than the amount specified in column 2 of Table I, the certificate holder is authorized to make miscellaneous rearrangements of any facility, or acquire, construct, replace, or operate any eligible facility. The certificate holder shall not segment projects in order to meet the cost limitations set forth in column 2 of Table I.

(c) *Contents of request.* In addition to the requirements of § 157.205(b), requests filed for activities described under paragraph (b) of this section shall contain:

(1) A description of the purpose of the proposed facilities including their relationship to other existing or planned facilities;

(2) A detailed description of the proposed facilities specifying length, diameter, wall thickness and maximum operating pressure for pipeline; and for compressors, the size, type, and number of compressor units, horsepower required, horsepower existing and proposed, volume of fuel gas, suction and discharge pressure and compression ratio;

(3) A USGS 7½ minute series (scale 1:24000) topographic map (or map of equivalent or greater detail, as appropriate) showing the location of the proposed facilities, and indicating the location of any sensitive environmental areas within one-quarter mile of project-related construction activities;

(4) A map showing the relationship of the proposed facilities to the applicant's existing facilities;

(5) A flow diagram or comparative study showing daily design capacity, daily maximum capacity and operating pressures with and without the proposed facilities for that portion of the certificate holder's system affected by the proposal;

(6) The estimated cost and method of financing the proposed facilities;

(7) A statement explaining how the public convenience and necessity requires the approval of the project;

(8) For acquisitions of facilities:

(i) A statement referencing the date of issuance, docket number and title of

the proceeding for any certificate issued by the Commission authorizing the facilities proposed to be acquired; and

(ii) The amounts recorded in the accounts of the vendor (seller or lessor) that apply to the facilities proposed to be acquired and the accumulated provisions for depreciation, depletion, and amortization;

(9) A concise analysis discussing the relevant issues outlined in § 380.12 of this chapter. The analysis must identify the existing environmental conditions and the expected significant impacts that the proposed action, including proposed mitigation measures, will cause to the quality of the human environment, including impact expected to occur to sensitive environmental areas. When compressor facilities are proposed, the analysis must also describe how the proposed action will be made to comply with applicable State Implementation Plans developed under the Clean Air Act. The analysis must also include a description of the contacts made, reports produced, and results of consultations which took place to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act. Include a copy of the agreements received for compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act.

(d) *Limits and inflation adjustment.* The limits specified in Tables I and II shall be adjusted each calendar year to reflect the "GDP implicit price deflator" published by the Department of Commerce for the previous calendar year. The Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation is authorized to compute and publish limits for future calendar years as a part of Tables I and II, pursuant to § 375.307(d) of this chapter.

Year	Limit	
	Auto proj. cost limit (Col. 1)	Prior notice proj. cost limit (Col. 2)
1982 .....	\$4,200,000	\$12,000,000
1983 .....	4,500,000	12,800,000
1984 .....	4,700,000	13,300,000
1985 .....	4,900,000	13,800,000
1986 .....	5,100,000	14,300,000

Year	Limit	
	Auto proj. cost limit (Col. 1)	Prior notice proj. cost limit (Col. 2)
1987 .....	5,200,000	14,700,000
1988 .....	5,400,000	15,100,000
1989 .....	5,600,000	15,600,000
1990 .....	5,800,000	16,000,000
1991 .....	6,000,000	16,700,000
1992 .....	6,200,000	17,300,000
1993 .....	6,400,000	17,700,000
1994 .....	6,600,000	18,100,000
1995 .....	6,700,000	18,400,000
1996 .....	6,900,000	18,800,000
1997 .....	7,000,000	19,200,000
1998 .....	7,100,000	19,600,000
1999 .....	7,200,000	19,800,000
2000 .....	7,300,000	20,200,000

(e) *Reporting requirements.* For each facility completed during the calendar year pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the certificate holder shall file in the manner prescribed in §§ 157.6(a) and 385.2011 of this chapter as part of the required annual report under § 157.207(a) the information described in paragraphs (e)(1)–(5) of this section. For each facility completed during the calendar year pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, the certificate holder shall file in the manner prescribed above only the information described in paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(1) A description of the facilities installed pursuant to this section, including a description of the length and size of pipelines, compressor horsepower, metering facilities, taps, valves, and any other facilities constructed;

(2) The specific purpose, location, and beginning and completion date of construction of the facilities installed, the date service commenced, and, if applicable, a statement indicating the extent to which the facilities were jointly constructed;

(3) The actual installed cost of each facility item listed pursuant to paragraph (e)(1), separately stating the cost of materials and labor as well as other costs allocable to the facilities;

(4) A description of the contacts made, reports produced, and results of consultations which took place to ensure compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act;

(5) For acquisitions of facilities:

(i) A statement referencing the date of issuance, docket number and title of the proceeding for any certificate issued by the Commission authorizing the facilities acquired; and

(ii) The amounts recorded in the accounts of the vendor (seller or lessor) that apply to the facilities acquired and the accumulated provisions for depreciation, depletion, and amortization.

(f) *Special conditions.* (1) For purposes of comparing the project cost of leased facilities with the per-project cost limitations in Table I of this section, the project cost of leased facilities shall be the annual lease charge multiplied by the number of years of the lease.

(2) In the interest of safety and reliability of service, facilities authorized by the certificate shall not be operated at pressures exceeding the maximum operating pressure set forth in the request. In the event that the certificate holder thereafter wishes to change the maximum operating pressure of supply or delivery lateral facilities constructed under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act or facilities constructed under this section, it shall file an appropriate request pursuant to the procedures set forth in § 157.205(b). Such request shall include the reasons for the proposed change. Nothing contained herein authorizes the certificate holder to operate any facility at a pressure above the maximum prescribed by State law, if such law requires a lower pressure than authorized hereby.

(g) If the actual cost of the project exceeds the per-project cost authorized under a blanket certificate in Table I of this section, the certificate holder shall apply to the Director of the Office of Pipeline Regulation for a waiver of those project cost limits.

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